



**Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness
 Legislative Action Committee**

Monday, April 24 2017
 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Meeting Attendance:

Sophia Estrada	Child and Family Charities
Roxanne Morin	NEMSCA
Elizabeth Kelly	Project HOPE
Shelley Jipson-Lomax	Michigan County Social Services Association
Kate White	Community Action
Lisa Moler	Mid-Michigan Community Action
Ryan Hannon	Goodwill Street Outreach
Tammy Dean	NEMSCA
Doug Russell	Room at the Inn, Marquette
Eric Hufnagel	Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness
Laurel Burchfield	Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness
Jason Weller	Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness

LAC Agenda

4.24.17

Call to Order: Eric Hufnagel called the meeting to order at 12:03

Introductions

Policy Priority Setting

- Reports from Subcommittees
 - (Eric) Affordable Housing: Has not met, but will before the next call. Eric is reaching out to outside organizations that have an interest in the issue.
 - (Laurel) Decriminalization:
 - Bill of Rights-legal problems with Sen Johnson so we are not pursuing, though there is interest from the group in revisiting concept.

- Meeting this Wed at 2:00 and are discussing our tools for data collection at agency and client level. Should have some info for the next LAC call.
 - (Jason) State ID: Lots of updates!
 - National Social Security administration has revised policy-now accepts HMIS ID as third priority ID-effective as of last Monday. The rep on the Oakland County Task Force gave shout out to Barb Ritter and HMIS staff for driving process forward.
 - Elizabeth: Had conversation with Rep. Even though it took effect last week they are reviewing policies regarding the additional information that would be required, such as a letter, to support why this secondary form of ID should be accepted. They should have guidelines for next week. Also have to inform staff in offices about change and what to expect in order to have smooth roll out
 - Local activity:
 - Calhoun count passed local resolution that set aside \$3,000 for homeless/at-risk in obtaining IDs through fee waivers at county clerk offices for birth certificate and other vital docs
 - Kalamazoo county is considering similar leg-possibly increase to \$5,000
 - Genesee county is considering a fee waiver or reduction for their population.
 - Group is using Dropbox to share documents between the subcommittee members. Sharing items like presentations.
 - Meeting this Wed at 11:00
 - Eric: participated in Calhoun/Kalamazoo call and they discussed Secretary of State change in accepting HMIS. Shout out to Oakland County taskforce-their participation facilitated this.

Federal and State Budget

- State Budget: Gov proposed budget that included ESP and at-risk students increases (Eric)
 - ESP: Dept of Health and Human Services
 - House approved the Governor's proposed, but funding source is from TANF as well as GF
 - Senate: unknown
 - Both came in below the Gov budget. Significant cuts
 - At-Risk: Dept of Education
 - Senate approved at reduced rate: \$100 million instead of requested \$150
 - House: unknown
 - Mental Health and Medicaid: Dept of Health and Human Services
 - Senate: Proposal that moneys be managed through HMO
 - House: does not concur
- Federal Budget: President put out his blueprint (Eric)
 - Continuing resolutions will be coming to a close on April 28. Action will need to happen or government could shut down. Media reports about Administration wanting to play hardball around budget for the wall rather than passing a similar continuing resolution for another 6 months at the same level. There is a cap on spending, so if money comes out for the wall or other spending, then the other programs will take a hit.
 - Still don't know what the federal budget should look like for FY18
 - MCAH is facilitating a roundtable conversation on May 8 with staffers from US Senate offices. Additional state organizations are going to be participating to discuss the HUD budget. We'll report out on results from the meeting.
 - Helpful resource: Potential impact of HUD budget cuts at the state and local level: <https://affordablehousingonline.com/FY18-hud-budget-cuts/Michigan>
 - Local level efforts (Laurel): Results of survey and our next steps. 59 participants. MCAH is looking at ways that we can continue to support in local level advocacy. Top three items that were identified as being useful for MCAH to provide or facilitate:
 - Social media content

- Talking points
- Site visits – invitations and/or facilitation

Webinar/Training Calendar (Jason)

- BMCC: Next week May 1-3 in Lansing
 - We've dropped down from 2 sessions on advocacy to just one due to uncertainty of federal level issues
 - We are having a session on advocacy, concrete examples of how to engage. Dave Anderson, County Commissioner from Kalamazoo will talk about the process for passing the millage to fund homeless services and updates about how things have been going
 - Homeless tract has 24 sessions with strong content to appeal to a broad range of interests
- Other trainings coming up that will feature other organizations
- Mark Horvath, how to use digital storytelling to increase brand awareness on May 17 after the Breakfast of Champions.

Calls to Action

- National Alliance to End Homelessness; National Call-In to End Homelessness. Shared on social media

Notices from Group

- Breakfast of Champions-May 17
- Sophia: May 18, 9-5: Youth Family Rally at the Capitol. Focus on addiction and mental health

Next Meeting:

- May 22 @ 12:00